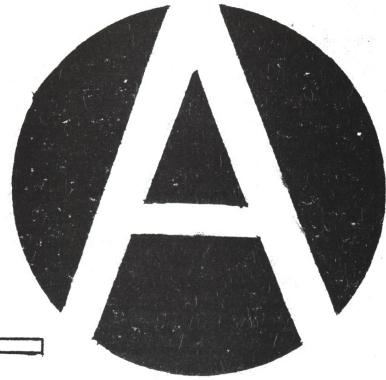


SEDITIOUS WHISPERS

PAY WHAT YOU CAN



WHOSE SIDE ARE THEY REALLY ON ?

Given that this is supposed to be the radical 'socialist republic', why then is this council such a hotbed (?) of reaction. Of course one-party states are dictatorial but this council does not even try to put up a benign mask, they merely make appropriate platitudes at specific times. This council has a catalogue of authoritarian actions and inconsiderate/anti-social policies as long as your arm, and the past few months have been especially bad. First there is the issue of so called illegal bedsits, where pressure is being brought to bear and landlords will have to make a lot of people, especially young ones, homeless. Of course we don't condone Rackmanism(?) but to make people homeless without providing an alternative is sick. What are people to do? Of course they can always go home to mum and dad, that way they can put Maggie's theories into practice, Victorian values for the united nuclear family. You would think that with an obvious need for housing such as in the above case, areas which are at present not used could be areas for building. But no, the areas which have been laid waste by municipal vandalism grow almost daily. The area at Greyfriars would be excellent for homes but the council have designated the zone for business development, for cars we heard. The road is to be widen on East Laithe Gate, knocking down all the small shops which give an area character, and a multi-storey carpark is to be built where the Odeon used to be. It would seem that 'our' council care more for cars than people, strange coz cars don't have the vote.

Then there is the point that South Yorkshire is supposed to be a nuclear free zone and RAF Finningley has the freedom of the town. In the event of nuclear attack, don't worry, the lads'll protect us (sic). Of course there are flypasts which must make some councillors feel really important, like Maggie after the Falklands, giving presidential style waves. Hooray. But perhaps the most disturbing aspect of council attitudes over the past few months has been that about the travellers/gypsies. The attitude of many members was so disgustingly racist that Hitler would have been happy to employ them in the concentration camps in charge of the gas chambers. There they could exterminate all the gypsies, homosexuals and political radicals to their heartscontent.

No doubt we shall be attacked for this article on the grounds that we are condemning our political allies. These people are not our allies or friends if there was a revolution they would no doubt have us shot, our vision of the world we want is not the same as their's. We do not seek power in the same way they do, nor do we have the megalomaniac type illnesses that some of them seem to suffer from.

We are ANARCHISTS first. The means is the ends.

**Socialist Council
Tony Government
One State
One Struggle**

SHEFFIELD

On the first of July the old Coroners Court in Sheffield was squatted by a group of anarchists with the intention of creating an anarchist centre. But due to many things this has not happened. The major reason being that Sheffield Council has been quick to evict and although the evictions have been followed by the instant squatting of another council owned building, (at the time of going to press the occupiers are in their 3rd building in 7 weeks), the time and energy spent on moving leaves little energy for developing the centre. Secondly the buildings have become homes for many young and homeless people, and although there is a need for places for the young and homeless the needs of a social/political centre and a homeless centre are different and often conflicting. But despite the problems and evictions the occupation still goes on. The present squat is down a side street next to the cathedral; look for the black flags hanging from the windows.

selby

Miners around Selby have been banned from joining a posh, £250 per year membership club, because as one of the directors of the club said "we aren't a ferret-racing or pigeon club.... and that's the sort of thing they do". I suppose when you consider the fact that Miners Welfares and Workings Mens Clubs ban gypsies and travellers because of cultural differences it is in a sense poctical justice.

LADS ARMY

The government have introduced a 'Lads Army' in what can only be regarded as yet another step towards the Big Brother state. The young recruit on this, as yet, voluntary scheme will be taught discipline (obedience), drill (more obedience), and killing. All good experience for the potential doctor, nurse or librarian. The armed forces top brass are confident that this cut priced recruiting will provide them with an inexhaustable pool of regulars and at £25 a week, less £10 living costs, they're laughing all the way to the bank. The money saved both in the training and salaries will no doubt be put to good use, more nuclear weapons? The MOD have given an assurance that the Lad's Army will not be sent on 'security duties' in Londonderry. Still, it's early days yet.

The anarchist centre has had some coverage in the press mainly in Sheffield but one artical, in the Sheffielder column was printed through out South Yorkshire. This artical although a pretty fair (by media standards) report of the squat and those involved makes some statements that need to be answered. The first of these, which was the title of the article, 'Even anarchists sign on' is a standard comment made about anarchists. Nobody ever mentions that anarchists also pay taxes, national insurance, VAT, etc etc. If anarchists worked and paid no tax etc the headlines would be 'Anarchist tax dodgers', never will there be a report on those many anarchist who work and pay their taxes etc. Likewise there will never be reports of Tories who use the national health service or state education which they are opposed to. We all live in this society and however much we oppose it and fight against it, we are still part of it and we have to live, therefore we sign on the dole or do some stupid job that most probably wouldn't exist in a free society.

S. YORKS

A group of "super-snoper" hit squads are to become active in south yorkshire soon. Their brief is to cut down on 'fraudulent' social security and unemployment benefits. Obviously we can't have these dastardly scroungers claiming too much, and who knows, it might put off a few genuine claimants. Think of the money we could save. The members of this type of squad can claim up to £467 a month expenses, considering that they are after people who claim more than £25 a week, there seems to be a little lacking in logic somewhere.

Civil servant unions are refusing to work with the scum squads, their lives should be made hell by the rest of us. A campaign against them should be launched by people active in the unemployed workers centre, though why they should become active know after months of doing nothing I've no idea.. Of course they have been dogged with constraints because they have been funded by MSC, and you can't do anything that smacks of politics once you've got one of their grants. This is why any group of people must maintain their autonomy and not be sucked in by the capitalist methods of social control.

VICTORIAN VALUES

A lot of rubbish has been written about Thatcher's idiotic 'Victorian Values'. Critics have talked about Victorian conditions rather than values and hatchet has been able to get away with it. Although some Victorian conditions may have been a result of Victorian values most negative conditions were a result of a) a low level of Technology (and production typist) b) a low level of working class successes.

However it is the values themselves which Maggie praises, and these offer plenty of scope for attack. She talks about thrift (penny pinching meanness), morality (religious dogma and oppression) and the family (sexist authoritarian cells). The values which she does not mention but probably similarly adores are imperialism (the Falklands), privilege, snobbery, and (sexual, religious, racial and political) discrimination.

This is an interesting insight into the mind of the new reactionary, in reality it is much the same as the old reactionary mind, they want to go back to the mythical 'Good Old Days' when their forefathers held even more power than they do. Thatcher has a bright vision of her Brave New World. It is a world where the rich elite are once again heavily protected against the poor majority, where religion, sexual inhibition and political ignorance once again immobilise those who suffer under the capitalist yoke and where high technology makes the 'police state' a toytown of the past. In such conditions Thatcher and her ilk will thrive like plants in manure of their own making. It is up to everyone of us to fight this. The phony left offers no answer, they want to go back to the immediate post-war years - Thatchers vision tinged red. We must fight, together in solidarity, determined not to sell out to reformists, because the only way the capitalists can be defeated is by striving towards our own vision of a society which is both free and equal; where no person is oppressed in the name of equality or exploited in the name of freedom.

THE WAY TO THE FUTURE IS FORWARD TO LIBERATION NOT BACKWARDS INTO CHAINS.

j.p.f.

Despite the recent vote in the House of Commons against bringing back hanging or what ever, the British state still maintains the judicial system for killing people. Besides the gallows at Wormwood Scrubs, which is kept oiled and waiting, and the legal right to kill for petty treasonous acts such as setting fire to naval dock yards, there is the Privy Council's Judicial Committee.

The Privy Council is made up of 'eminent' people (all those with Right Hon. before their names) and the Judicial Committee of the P.C. is made up of the Lord Chancellor, the Lords of Appeal and other individuals of the P.C. This Judicial Committee is the final court of appeal for various countries in the commonwealth such as Trinida and Tobago. Most of these countries have the death penalty and the J.C. of the P.C. has often upheld the death penalty in these countries and sent people to die.



"I WANT FREEDOM, THE RIGHT TO SELF-EXPRESSION, EVERYBODY'S
RIGHT TO BEAUTIFUL, RADIANT THINGS"

- EMMA GOLDMAN (1869-1940)

SOVIET BLOC

In Cuba groups of workers have been arrested for setting up a free trade union and going on strike. Apparently five workers have been sentenced to death for trying to form a free union, but it is believed that these sentences have been commuted to terms in prison. Also the lawyers who defended the five have been arrested. The official Worker's Central Office in Cuba have denied that the executions have taken place but have stated the 33 people have been given severe sentences for "carrying out acts of sabotage and preparing assassination attempts against the country's leaders". There has also been reports of arrests at a strike at a condensed milk plant, and peasants arrested for burning their crops.

In East Germany 9 people have been arrested for refusing to serve in the military (6 of these were refusing to be drafted into reserve units). 8 members of an unofficial peace group have been expelled to West Berlin.

The Soviet Union is to have a purge on drunks and idlers, at work. Punishments will include such things as cuts in wages up to a third, cutting holidays by up to a half and forcing the offenders to work for up to five months on reduced pay. Other workers will be encouraged to inform on their less productive colleagues.

Seditious Whispers has been accused of being biased against the Soviet Union and its empire and other 'workers states' in the amount of coverage given to events there in comparison to similar events in western dictatorships such as Turkey, Chile, El Salvador.

This may be so, although looking back through the issues things are pretty balanced (especially when it is considered that over half the world's population is under one form or another of marxist style dictatorship). This issue is of course an exception.

But although we support all people in their struggles for liberation, be they rioting in Chile, struggling against imperialism as in Tigray or fighting racial domination as in South Africa. We also support those fighting back against the hypocrisy and tyranny of 'workers states' because it is these states and those who advocate them, be they marxists, trotskyists, maoists or whatever, who suppress, not for their own good, but for the good of the suppressed, who have destroyed and pervert peoples attempts to free themselves in the name of dogmatic political bullshit.

Only by showing up the inevitable faults of taking over the state for the 'good of the workers' (faults predicted by anarchists long before the Russian revolution), that the mistakes of past revolutions can be avoided, and liberty finally attained, not just for the party hacks but for all people.

TEACHERS

Teachers always moan about nothing. They are bullies and we never get a choice about different things we want to do, and if we say anything we get lines for talking. Teachers are scared of us kids, if any of us are scraping (fighting) a teacher won't come and sort it out they leave it to us, 'cause they're scared of us in case we gang up on them.

If we had a choice of what we wanted to do it would be better and we would be more interested in school. Teachers, if they don't like a kid, they bully them and they show them up in front of the class. I think teachers favourite subject is shouting at us kids. MY opinion about teachers is BAD.

TEACHERS ARE ALWAYS WRITING REPORTS ABOUT US. WE CAN'T WRITE ONE ON A TEACHER. THIS IS MY OPINION ABOUT TEACHERS - AND UNLIKE THEIRS, MY REPORT IS OPEN FOR ALL TO READ

Report Book
C. Brown
12/3/69.

Written and typed by
EMMA
AGED 10

DISSIDENT MINERS

ALEXEI NIKITIN

Born in 1937. After his military service he started work at the Butovka mine Donetsk, as an electrical mechanic. He protested against unjust bonus payments and irregular practices by the management. He joined the Communist Party after 1965. Along with 129 others at the mine he addressed a letter to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union complaining about unpaid bonuses. The complaint was rejected and subsequently Nikitin was expelled from the Communist Party. Shortly after he was fired from his job.

Nikitin was refused work and his appeal to the 1971 Party Congress was again turned down. An explosion at the Butovka mine, which Nikitin had warned of due to the poor safety standard, killed 7 miners. After this he was hounded by the KGB and finally arrested in 1972.

He was held in Dnepropetrovsk Special Psychiatric Hospital. After some 4 years he was discharged, but again he was refused work. In desperation he went to the Norwegian Embassy in Moscow in 1977 to ask for political asylum, but he was again arrested by the KGB and held in psychiatric hospitals until May 1980. Having no job, no money and nowhere to live Nikitin was forced to stay at his sisters. In December 1980 he was visited by 2 western journalists and he spoke to them about conditions in the mines around Donetsk and the impact of the rise of Solidarity in Poland on Soviet workers. Three days later he was arrested and taken away in an ambulance.

Again he was held at Dnepropetrovsk and forcibly treated with behaviour modification drugs. Early in 1982 he was taken to another psychiatric hospital near Alma-Ata on the Soviet-China border, several thousands of miles from his family. He is still there.



VLADIMIR KLEBANOV

Born in 1932. From 1951 to 65 he worked underground at the Makayevka mine near Donetsk. He began to speak out against violations of the Soviet Labour Code, bad management and poor safety standards. He rapidly became a figurehead for miners and increasingly came under pressure from the management and the KGB.

On November 2nd 1959 Klebanov received a head injury at work and was put on lighter work, but in 1962 his invalid status was cancelled. In 1965, after complaining directly to Moscow he was fired. In 1968 he was taken back on and given a job as a design engineer working on the surface. In September 1968 there were disturbances at the mine over low pay and poor safety after which many miners were 'transferred'. Klebanov was arrested by the KGB and charged with 'discrediting' the Soviet political system.

He was taken to Dnepropetrovsk Special Psychiatric Hospital. After several moves forced treatment with drug and a 20 day hunger strike he was released in 1973, but his troubles were not over. He did not receive the full amount of financial compensation. Eventually he was forced to go to Moscow to take his complaints in person to the highest authorities.

While in Moscow Klebanov met hundreds of other workers, like himself seeking justice. Some of the banded together and Klebanov played a leading role in the setting up of the Association of Free Trade Unions of the Soviet Working People. In February after the Association's first press conference he was arrested.

Again he was forcibly held in a special psychiatric hospital after a secret trial which neither he nor his wife were allowed to attend. Since 1978 Klebanov has been detained in one hospital or another, he has forcibly been treated with behaviour modification drugs, which have a severe effect on his health. Unconfirmed reports suggest he is currently detained in Donetsk.

"Of course he's a lunatic, anyone who puts safety above productivity levels in the worker's State is a danger to himself and the people."

For information on struggles in Soviet Bloc countries read VOLYA:-
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BY THEIR WORDS:

John Cunningham is a member of the NUM and the Labour Party who is campaigning for the release of the Soviet Free Trade Unionist miners Vladimir Klebanov and Alexei Nikitin. His home town of Sheffield is twinned with theirs of Donetsk in the Ukraine. In April he sent the following letter to NUM President Arthur Scargill.

"I am writing to you about the Ukrainian miner dissidents Vladimir Klebanov and Alexei Nikitin. It is sometime now since anything has been heard about their well being or whereabouts - certainly I have made enquiries and even Amnesty International don't know where they are. Would it not be possible for yourself to raise the question with the appropriate USSR body?

I know the issue has been discussed within the NUM in the past and I am aware that it was decided that enquiries could go no further, but that was over two years ago and I understand that Mr Effremenko who was then the Soviet miners' leader has since been expelled from his post. Would therefore you be good enough to make some enquiries afresh? It is a difficult issue to raise, I know, particularly when so many right-wingers are waiting to jump on any anti-Soviet bandwagon they can find (witness Bernard Levin and the recent antics of Mr Butler here in Sheffield) but I don't believe any service to socialism is rendered by ignoring the fact of repression within the USSR and particularly the abomination of consigning dissidents to so-called "psychiatric" hospitals. What's more, when all is said and done, Mr Nikitin and Mr Klebanov are miners - our people, if we can't speak out for them who can?

Please understand, I am not anti-Soviet, I am not a right-winger, nor do I ignore repression in other parts of the world (witness my recent article in the Yorkshire Miner on the repression of miners in Turkey) but these 2 men have suffered terribly for doing what basically myself, you and countless other NUM members do every day, that is, defend, to the best of our ability, the living standards and conditions of our members."

On May 6, Arthur Scargill answered with a letter in which he stated:

"I have nothing further to add to the previous public statement made by the NUM apart from saying that I only wish that the people who constantly inundate this office with letters about the above two people (Klebanov & Nikitin) do not appear to show any concern or little about the tragedy in El Salvador and Nicaragua where more people are dying in a day than have been killed in the Soviet Union in the last ten years. (sic)

Could it be that there is some political bias and that attitudes and actions are directed on request of Nikitin and Klebanov because they are citizens of the Soviet Union or is it that people have not heard of the American interventions, the terror they are striking at El Salvador and Nicaragua and indeed the whole of central and Latin America."

John replied to this dishonest, sub-literate abuse by saying:

"As well as totally ignoring my questions you suggest I am acting out of political bias and that I am either uncaring or ignorant of US intervention in Nicaragua and El Salvador - all of which is totally untrue.

I believe it to be a disgrace that a person in your position can treat a fellow NUM member in such an evasive, derogatory and insulting manner and I think I deserve an apology from you."

To date no such apology has been received. Undaunted, John continues to campaign for the release of Klebanov and Nikitin. Further details are available from: J. Cunningham, 4 Barber Place, Sheffield S10 1EG.

A solidarity fund has been set up to help the free union SMUT publish its information bulletin in the USSR and abroad. Donations to:- Odile Reynaud, 22 rue St Paul, 75004 Paris, France.

Anyone wishing to write to the Soviet Embassy complaining about the continued imprisonment of Nikitin and Klebanov, The address is:- 13 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8.

NUCLEAR NEWS & VIEWS

Has CND reached the top of the hill? Although CND never officially placed itself fully behind the Labore party at the last election its whole attitude and policy of 'putting pressure on parliament' meant that this was the ultimate weapon, to elect those who oppose nuclear arms. And since this 'failure' CND leaders have stepped onto the slippery slope of self destruction. Already peace camps and especially Greenham Common have become a subject to ignore and eventually to dismiss because of 'bad press' and a 'poor public image'.

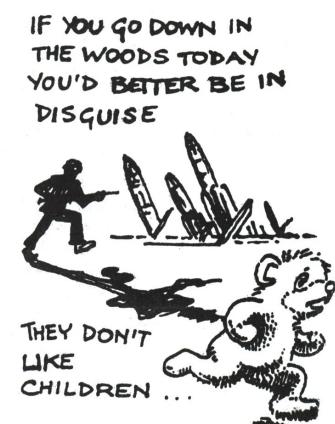
CND leadership has already given in to the fact that cruise missiles will be arriving at Greenham Common in December, because any demonstration organised there will be purely 'symbolic direct action'. Admittedly to halt cruise missiles at the last moment would take a massive occupation of the base, but this is not impossible with thousands of people dedicated to that aim. It would be better if CND did not organise a demonstration this December and left it up to those who are willing to confront the warfare state. As the split between begging for survival and fighting for it widens CND will tear itself apart, but hopefully the peace movement will maintain its momentum which will carry it over this inevitable crisis.

A doctor, after requests by the Home Office that doctors draw up contingency plans for dealing with the results of a nuclear attack, has handed out over 200 leaflets to his patients containing a 10 point survival plan.

Survivors are advised that the best treatment for people dying in pain is a crack on the head with a large stone.

At Comiso, in Sicily where the Italian batch of cruise missiles are destined, things are beginning to hot up. On July 17th two masked men broke into the co-ordinating centre and threatened the 20 activists with sub-machine guns. The 20 people were lined up against a wall, a shot was fired in the direction of Alfredo Bonnano (editor of 'Anarchismo') a bullet was found to have pierced his clothing. The two men made it clear that if they did not leave Comiso they would have to face the consequences. The two men are believed to be mafiosi.

On July 23rd 500 people gathered at the base for symbolic protests and attempted invasions of the base. In the evening when half the demonstrators had dispersed several hundred armed police attacked those who were left. Using wooden staves, flares, tear gas and firing live ammunition over the heads of the demonstrators. Many people were hospitalised. After the attack the police entered the town, threatened people on the streets, imposed an unofficial curfew and raided the anti-cruise co-ordinating centre.



POLICE FILE

Whilst driving through the Norfolk countryside a family of four was waved down by the police, in their hunt for a missing car. The driver was then ordered to line up his car in a road block. The next minute - crunch! The chased car ploughed into them. Happily they escaped with only cuts and bruises. The Chief Inspector of Norfolk later admitted that the police haven't the legal powers to commandeer a car for a road block. Tut, tut.

Police ran amok at a demo outside Walton jail, in Liverpool. The protest was on behalf of Dennis Kelly, jailed for life for murder, was set upon when the police tried to transfer Kelly to a coach destined for Wakefield prison. A child was punched in the mouth by a Merseyside police officer, and a man was photographed trying to hit a police man's boot with his head.

children

There have been two cases in the news in the past few weeks concerning parents and children and the law. The first case was that of a mother who wanted it made illegal for doctors to give contraceptives to her children without her consent. This case went against the mother and therefore leaves teenagers free from parental restraint to develop their sex lives. The second case was concerning parents' wishes over the beating of their children at school. In this case the European Court decided that it was illegal for children to be beaten at school without their parents' consent.

The recent decision by the European Court that children can only be beaten while at school if the teachers have the parents' consent just goes to prove that slavery is not dead. Which other set of people can give permission for another set of people to be beaten? usually it is the state that reserves for itself the right to decide which person shall be flogged, whipped or hung, but in this case children have been made chattels of their parents who can not only beat them at their will but give permission for others to do the same.

*Religion is the tool of the corrupt,
and the crutch of the weak.*

In November, when three police men ordered drinkers to sup up and get out, at a Birkenhead pub, fighting started. Two men were arrested and charged with being drunk and disorderly. One man was also accused of smashing a glass into the face of a pc. Ever since, the two have protested their innocence claiming the police had caused the trouble. As they were charged under the Police Act they couldn't take their case to a jury. At the magistrates hearing 8 witnesses appeared for the defence. A police photograph taken of the injured pc soon after the raid showed that there was no sign of injuries from broken glass to his face. Furthermore there was no doctors statement to support such an injury. The magistrate found them not guilty on all counts.

IRELAND

The role of the church in Ireland, both Catholic and Protestant, has been one of compliance to the established order. There have been, throughout the eight centuries of crime, maverick priests, similar to Latin America, who have been prepared to put principle before the politics of their church. Of course the ruling junta, in this case the pope, has been quick to stamp out dissent. The catholic, muslim, jewish churches are only interested in maintaining order. Rather protestant order heretical though it may be, than godless, atheistic disorder. Such is the case in Ireland and elsewhere. Order, be it Thatcher's or Fitzgerald's must be upheld. It is, however, in the churches interest to voice the occasional protest against State excess. Such was the case of 18 year old farm worker Martin Malone. Doubts regarding suspicious circumstances, in connection with Malone's death were first mooted by the Grand Inquisitor of Ireland, Tomas O'Fiaich. Malone was shot dead by a UDR patrol at point blank range whilst one of his friends was assaulted by a soldier as he tried to make his way to telephone for a doctor. Such incidents are commonplace in Armagh. The fact that the church chose to become in such a controversy indicates yet another attempt to ingratiate itself with the nationalist community.

Beware of the opiate bearing gifts.

D.

On Friday, August 12th, an anarchist group calling itself Arrête-Cur (Stop Priests), blew up a bronze statue of Pontius Pilate on the eve of the popes visit to Lourdes. No-one was hurt.

*Neither
God*

RELIGION & REVOLT

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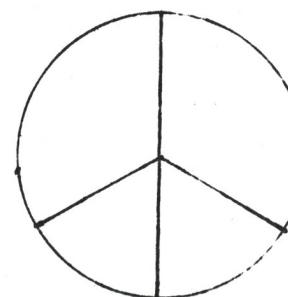
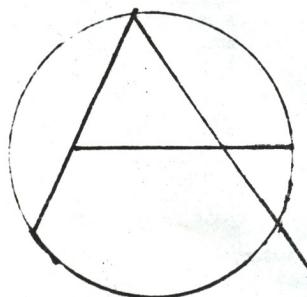
Looking around the world today, you might be forgiven for thinking that religions are the world's most potentially revolutionary beliefs. After all, the catholics are very proud of helping Polsi and central American workers, islam has toppled dictators (of one sort typist) in Iran & Libya and is fighting Russian Imperialism in Afghanistan. The peace movement in many European countries (i.e. Holland) is dominated by christians. Yet this picture is very deceptive, as many examples can be found of religion used by the state for repression or to justify reactionary or militaristic beliefs. Examples are Spain, the moral majority in the USA. In the arab countries the repression is based on religion is almost unbelievable and the white south African and south American juntas in most cases would describe themselves as practising christians.

On looking closer at even those 'revolutionary' areas we can see that the church is repressive or 'moderating' - where moderation is the last thing required. The harshness, brutality and discrimination in countries where islam is needs no comment. The catholic church as always been ready to compromise with dictators (i.e. the pope in world war 2) and no amount of

'workerism' or eastern bloc can cover the fact that the church of Rome is a worldwide capitalist operation which does its best to subdue revolts in countries which it likes. There are already signs that the church is selling out and compromise in Poland, and what else can be expected from Glemp and his cronies. The bolshevik were right to warn against the 'black crows', though they did this for a more selfish reason than helping working class struggle. The catholic church's hypocrisy is illustrated by S. American priests who aid guerillas - they will do anything to capture a few more minds. As for European protestants, their obsessive pacifism is becoming more of a handicap to movements which need action to sustain their growth. It is all to evident that christians are all to often 'passivists' rather than just pacifists. We should also beware that christianity is often the basis for anti-semitism, with the jewish people predicted as 'christ-killers'. In fact religion is no more revolutionary than capitalism and communism, these three along with fascism, merely capture the peoples allegiance in order to enslave their bodies and minds. Only libertarian beliefs and actions, solidarity in liberty can bring true liberation.

POET'S MANIFESTO

Take back the land for our descendants
Take back the earth for our poor souls
Take back the Commons for our ancestors
Take back the soil for our wholeselves
Take back the empty property
Take back the empty officeblocks
Take back the empty factory floors
Take back the empty homes & shops
Take back the military training-grounds
Take back the army camps and barracks
Take back the airfields and shipyards
Take back the food & ordnance depots
Take back your roads and footpaths
Take back your roots and birthplace
Take back your time
Take back your space



DON'T BE DECEIVED WHEN THEY TELL YOU THINGS ARE BETTER NOW. EVEN IF THERE'S NO POVERTY BECAUSE THE POVERTY'S BEEN HIDDEN. EVEN IF YOU EVER GOT MORE WAGES AND COULD AFFORD TO BUY MORE OF THESE NEW AND USELESS GOODS WHICH INDUSTRY FOIST ON YOU. "NEVER HAD SO MUCH," THAT IS ONLY THE SLOGAN OF THOSE WHO STILL HAVE MUCH MORE THAN YOU. DON'T BE TAKEN IN WHEN THEY PAT YOU PATERNALLY ON THE SHOULDER AND SAY THAT THERE'S NO INEQUALITY WORTH SPEAKING OF AND NO MORE REASON TO FIGHT BECAUSE IF YOU BELIEVE THEM THEY WILL BE COMPLETELY IN CHARGE IN THEIR MARBLE HOMES AND GRANITE BANKS FROM WHICH THEY ROB THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD UNDER THE PRETENCE OF BRINGING THEM CULTURE. WATCH OUT, FOR AS SOON AS IT PLEASES THEM THEY'LL SEND YOU OUT TO PROTECT THEIR GOLD IN WARS WHOSE WEAPONS, RAPIDLY DEVELOPED BY SERVILE SCIENTISTS, WILL BECOME MORE AND MORE DEADLY UNTIL THEY CAN, WITH THE FLICK OF THE FINGER, TEAR A MILLION OF YOU TO PIECES.

JEAN PAUL MARAT. 1793.

REAL WEALTH CONSISTS IN THINGS OF UTILITY AND BEAUTY, IN THINGS THAT HELP TO CREATE STRONG BEAUTIFUL BODIES AND SURROUNDINGS INSPIRING TO LIVE IN. BUT IF MAN IS DOOMED TO WIND COTTON AROUND A SPOOL, OR DIG COAL, OR BUILD ROADS FOR THIRTY YEARS OF HIS LIFE THERE CAN BE NO TALK OF WEALTH. WHAT HE GIVES TO THE WORLD IS ONLY GRAY AND HIDEOUS THINGS REFLECTING A DULL AND HIDEOUS EXISTENCE, TOO WEAK TO LIVE, TOO COWARDLY TO DIE. STRANGE TO SAY, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO EXTOLL THIS DEADENING METHOD OF CENTRALIZED PRODUCTION AS THE PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR AGE. THEY FAIL UTTERLY TO REALISE THAT IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE IN MACHINE SUBSERVENCY OUR SLAVERY IS MORE COMPLETE THAN WAS OUR BONDAGE TO THE KING. Emma Goldman - 1910

THOUGHTS

- 1/ The State preaches pacifism to its opponents, violence and jingoism to its supporters.
- 2/ The State praises non-violence within the law, but legalises genocide.
- 3/ Freedom lies not in INEQUALITY of opportunity to exploit others, but IN EQUALITY of opportunity for self fulfilment and the betterment of EVERYONES condition.
- 4/ There can be no freedom without equality and no true equality without freedom.
- 5/ War is the health of the State, the sickness of the people, the bread and butter of politicians, and the wealth of the arms dealers.
- 6/ War changes nothing but peace and lives. Peace changes nothing but war and lives. Social revolution will abolish one and make the other meaningless because there will be nothing to judge it by - true social justice is permanent peace.
- 7/ Violence is the cry of the oppressed, the symptom of illness + the means by which government exists.
- 8/ Means become ends when the true ends are impossible to achieve. The means determine the end but should never become an end in themselves.

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SEDITIOUS WHISPERS



PAY WHAT YOU CAN

007 LICENSED TO BE KILLED

There are many questions that will never be answered concerning flight 007 which was shoot down by USSR fighters. But what facts there are paint a pretty grim picture of modern technology and the balance of terror between east and west.

The jumbo jet was 390 miles off its course when it was shoot down, it was either there deliberately or by accident. If it was by accident, then it was either through faulty equipment and/or negligent crew. The pilot who flew the first leg of the journey to Anchorage in Alaska claims that the radar wasn't working correctly, in which case flight 007 should have stayed on the ground until this was put right.

If flight 007 was there deliberately it was for one of two reasons. The first of these reasons is for prof it, the direct route taken by 007 would have saved the South Korean company around £1,500 in reduced fuel costs. Alternatively 007 could have been used for a military use, either as a spy plane, or to cover for a spy plane or just to test the speed of the USSR response.

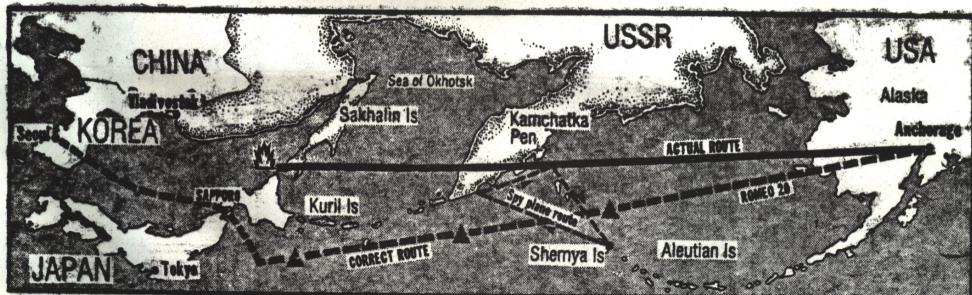
An assumption that can be made is that the

USSR air force never positively identified the plane as a civil airliner, as from the recordings of the Russian pilots it is evident that they only came as close as 2km, 1½ miles, and were only in visual contact for 8 minutes prior to shooting down the aircraft.

It can be assumed that the Red air force panicked. An unidentified aircraft was over 'their' airspace for over two hours, twice fighters were scrambled to intercept it, the first lot failed to make contact. The second flight of scrambled fighters only attempt at contact with flight 007 was to transmit an Identify, Friend or Foe radar pulse which was unanswered. Whether this was an 'official' military mission or not the USA military must be very pleased to find that this area of the USSR is protected by an incompetent military machine.

But although the USSR military may have panicked in their destruction of this plane, it was nothing in comparison to the way that USA politicians rushed into accusation after accusation. "Terrorists" Callous".

It must have been very difficult for them



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to hide what must have been glee over what was turned into anti Red propaganda. Mind you the slowness and caution that was USSR diplomacy over this issue made up for the USA haste.

But away from the answers and assumptions to the questions. Why did neither the CIA or the Japanese air control inform the jumbo jet about its actual position? Why was the 'hot line' between the Japanese air controllers and the USSR air force never used? Why did the pilot of flight 007

keep reporting that it was on its correct flight path, Romeo 20? Why didn't the Russian pilot make a more positive identification?

The 269 people on board flight 007 were killed because by accident or design they became part of a war game, a war game that is played every day of every week, by the two opposing armed camps, 'enemy' defences are probed, spy planes fly around 'enemy' air space, nerves, computers and the world are pushed to the brink. This time it was 269 lives next time it may be 269,000,000.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST MILITARISM

** Have you seen the army recruiting adverts on television?

** Have you looked at the posters and newspaper ads for the army, navy and air-force?

** Is there a recruiting office in your town?

OVER £4,000,000 WAS SPENT ON ADVERTISING THE ARMED FORCES LAST YEAR.

** Do your children play with war toys like guns, tanks, Action Man?

** Are war books and comics on sale in your newsagents?

** Is there a cadet force in school near you?

OVER 140,000 CHILDREN IN MILITARY CADET FORCES ARE BEING TAUGHT THAT KILLING IS JUSTIFIABLE.

** How often are there military parades in your town?

** Have you ever seen a military display at a fair or exhibition?

** How far do you live from an army, navy or air-force base?

THE ARMED FORCES OWN OVER 1000 SQUARE MILES OF OUR COUNTRYSIDE.

ONE IN TWENTY FIVE OF BRITAIN'S WORKING PEOPLE ARE EMPLOYED IN PREPARATIONS FOR WAR. DON'T BELIEVE THOSE WHO SAY IF YOU WANT PEACE PREPARE FOR WAR.

New York will soon become the home port of a cruise missile Carrier, the Iowa, and its fleet. NY politicians - all leading proponents of the Freeze campaign - have out bid other politicians in other ports in winning the fleet and the guaranteed 3000 new jobs that it will bring. The Iowa fleet will function as an integral element in the 'graduated response' strategy,

given the initiation of a nuclear war. It can also take on the function of a task force, displaying the ultimate in tactical imperialist policing. The Iowa will carry over 100 cruise and the accompanying ships will also be armed with short-range missiles. New York is now a sitting target.



Stop the arms trade

In war, in peace, you need his help

"WHY DO WE
NEED SOLDIERS
IN PEACE
TIME, MUM?"

"FOR STRIKE
BREAKING,
DEAR."

When help is needed, please
help him and his dependants

A donation, a covenant, a legacy to
THE ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND
will help soldiers, ex-soldiers and their families in distress
DEPT DT DUKE OF YORKS HALL LONDON SW1A 2SP

ANARCHISM

& GREENS

As anarchists we have many things in common with the Green movement, a desire for a decentralised society, an end to nuclear arms and power, internationalism etc.

Despite the similarities of ends, our means are vastly different, especially with the political wing of the Green movement, the Ecology Party.

Party politics and attempts to take power are not a means to the end but an end of the means. Once in power any party becomes a buffer between people and power, workers and capital etc, and hence creates compromise, symbolic reforms until that party is no longer a movement for change but a changed movement for the status quo.

This argument of course is used against all democratic socialist parties (and what better example than the Labour Party) but unlike the socialists the Ecology Party is for decentralisation, and yet they believe that they can create decentralization by working within systems, that by their very nature are centralists.

The first of these systems is the state, which is the foundation of centralist politics and the furthest form of decentralisation open to it is a federation of mini statelets, all centralised, allhierarchical and no different, except in size from its larger counterpart.

The second of these systems is capitalism, which by its very nature results in economic centralism, bigger businesses buy up smaller businesses, creating powerful centralised monopolies.

What do the Ecology Party hope to achieve in decentralisation of the economy while in government. Perhaps by supporting community based co-operatives, but all this would achieve is the transfer of already decentralised services such as small industries and corner shops from one set of hands to another (even if these hands are preferable.)

But still the large industries, the foundation of the economy such as mining, steel production, agriculture etc would remain in the hands of the state or capital. (Banks would also still hold their financial control over the economy).

Ultimately the economy and therefore society can only be decentralised by wrenching all industries, services from the hands of the state and capital, and this can only come about through the destruction of these systems.

Although as anarchists we shall continue to work with Greens for direct changes, we hold no illusions to what they will achieve - less pollution, environmental reforms etc, and maybe if they attain power (and are permitted by the armed forces, police, and other forces of the state and capital) they may end nuclear power and nuclear arms etc.

But we have no illusions to their claim to create a decentralised society, as this will only come about by people taking from the state and capitalists and by the destruction of their power structures and not through reforming them.



What a wonderful life we have,
Here in sunny England.
Here, where we work for a living
As part of our system - democracy.
Lots of things to keep us happy -
T.V., magazines and smart clothes
Not forgetting, of course
A holiday by the sea.
The only things that bother us
(occasionally)
Are what we read in the
"Voice of Britain" Daily Mail.
Things like war, in Northern Ireland
In the Middle East and starvation
In the third world.
Mind you, it's easy to ignore it
And turn off our senses.
When we turn on the T.V.
And watch Dallas
On Saturday Night, when
Of all things, we can't wait
For Sunday lunch time
When we can enjoy our
Pork, beef or lamb.
But then it's a hard life,
Well what can you do?
When an animal (potential meat)
is fed better
Than some small brown child.
So we can lay, hide and fester
In our timid complacency
Yes we watch that fucking goggle-box
And we're glad
It hasn't happened to us
YET.....

P.I.E.

A number of people have recently been arrested for 'sending obscene material through the post'. These people are part of the Paedophile Information Exchange, and as such believe in the freedom for sexual relationships between adults and children. As anarchists we oppose all legal or coercive restraints on relationships between individuals. But on the case of sexual relationships between children and adults, it is impossible (in the majority of cases) for a child to consent, because a child can not have any understanding of an adult sexual relationship. Which is totally outside of a child's experience of 'sexual relationships' with other children eg games of 'doctors and nurses'.

Although we may disagree with PIE that it is possible for a free relationship between a child and an adult, we defend their right to express their views concerning this matter.

SCARGILL FILE -CONT

The British press has had a field day of late over remarks made by Arthur Scargill. His first remarks, made about the plutonium blonde and Ronald Raygun, upset them mainly because it was said in the lair of the enemy. But when you consider the effect once translated into Russian, the uproar was pretty pointless as Ronald Cosmopolitan would leave the translators confused let alone the readers.

His letter that has recently appeared in the Trot paper Newsline, referring to Solidarity as an anti-socialist organisation, has also led to the vultures of Fleet St. to peck at his heels. But why? Scargill is an authoritarian Marxist who believes in the Socialist state and therefore he is opposed to all independent organisations, especially those in workplaces. If Scargill and his like gained power they would crush all unofficial workplace groups with laws and forces that would make Maggie's anti-union laws seem very tame.

Do you ever feel that some anarchists are giving you a mental finger-wagging?
Does their sanctimoniousness(?) leave you seething?
What you need is FUCK OFF!
FUCK OFF! will rid you of all dogmatism.



Bored with bigots?
Sick of sanctimoniousness?
Pissed-off with purists?

for ultimate personal
liberation

police file

It seems that certain members of the West Midlands serious crimes squad have been going in for a touch of torture in order to obtain confessions to serious offences. Apparently they have been placing plastic bags over suspects heads and cut off their air supply until they were prepared to make confessions. Several of those who suffered said they lost consciousness, and suffered injuries which would verify their claims.

So it seems that our wonderful policemen are finally being shown in their true colours, what a pity that such information should only be reported in the 'quality' papers, whilst the gutterpress continues to feed its readers on a diet of royal pap and 'news' of delinquent teenagers.

twit of the month

A certain Barnsley councillor is seeking that all teachers in those parts be instructed in Barnsley dialect so that proper conventions may be observed.

He claims that there is improper use of the term "tha" which should only be used among familiars ie, boys at school and workmates. But, shock, horror!, pupils are addressing teachers in these terms, and this according to the councillor, is insolence. Tut! Tut!

ROYALTY

The remnants of European Royal families, of which the British is about the strongest, are seen as historical monuments to be preserved at best, or at worst, wonderful people to be loved as part of the family by all 'patriots', by vast numbers of people. In fact they are monuments to centuries of cruelty, oppression and parasitism, which should be disposed of as quickly as possible. Royalty have sucked the blood and wealth of the people like fat leeches for as long as they have been around. They have controlled the minds of their subjects through the worst kinds of brainwashing - nationalism and patriotism - and sent millions off to die in useless wars against fellow workers and peasants. The British 'constitutional monarchy' is an atrophied limb of the British state, which is nevertheless very powerful. Though having no 'political' power, the Royals probably now hold more sway than ever over the minds of the masses. This is because they now have the benefits of highly advanced capitalism. They are sold like soap powder, or more usually like cuddly toys.

They serve the purpose of fulfilling a national need for 'security and stability' a need which is itself a product of insecure and unstable capitalism. If people desire more freedom, then it would be best if all Royals were pensioned off to a sheep farm in the Falklands and Buckingham Palace turned into a night shelter for London's thousands of homeless people.

THE ROYAL GLAMOUR OBSCURES THE REAL ENEMY OF PEACE AND FREEDOM - WHICH IS THE VERY UGLY STATE.



angst column

Why do some people, even on the 'left' regard the struggle for womens liberation/feminism, as being the sole territory of white, middle-class women? Surely, if 50% of the population feels that it is suppressed, oppressed and generally getting a raw deal from the other 50%, we should all feel worried, and should be fighting to bring this state of affairs to a quick end. But no. This 'issue' is side-tracking from the main revolutionary struggle. It would seem to me, as an anarchist that personal liberation is essential if social liberation is to occur, and that if individuals are incapable of realising that prejudices exist within themselves, how can they ever hope to eliminate them?



I believe that our oppression springs directly from the capitalist society and economy. It is aided and abetted by the Church with help from the media, culture (as a result of those mentioned), the educational system, and perpetuated by individuals. It is therefore essential that we recognise how we can put an end to the continuation of this process.

Firstly, we must be aware of sexism in language, action (day to day), and literature. Secondly, when confronted with sexism at work, in meetings, on the street, etc, we must retaliate in a way best suited to each of us. And thirdly, realise that many men who try desperately hard to be 'anti-sexist' are often patronising. Is it so impossible to treat women as equals?

As an anarchist/feminist my position differs from feminists of the left in that I do not see the liberation coming by gaining power within the present structure. We shall all be free when we change this putrid system. But in the meantime we can work together to find a solution to day to day oppression, WITHOUT PATRONISING AND WITHOUT SEP-ERATISM

FASCISTS

The connection between British and other European fascist groups was once more brought under the spotlight by the extradition of Walter Kexel and Ulrich Tillman. Both men were alleged to be members of an extreme right wing group. Each was ordered to be extradited on 3 charges of attempted murder, involving a machine gun attack on a Jewish restaurant, 2 of causing bodily harm and one of conspiring to cause explosions. They had originally been arrested, by armed police, while staying at a Dorsetshire home of Major Ian Scuter-Clarence of the League of St George, British Movement and Column 88 infamy. The right-wing certainly seems to be on the offensive once again confirming Britains status as a clearing house, via the LSG for rightist terrorists. The fascist clandestine activities were exposed when a League 'safe house' was discovered in London's West End. This detection opened up a real can of worms implicating a Government minister and local Conservative party. The fascists involvement in the Tory Party was openly admitted by the Party Chairman and later confirmed by a Thatcher jugend report. These embarrassing revelations occurred before election day and were quietly swept under the carpet. Not that the predominantly rightist press bothered to print any of the Thatcher jugend disclosure, they were more interested in 'spot-the-Trot'. The media have never made any secret of their admiration of the Führer principle. The latest findings involve a standard rightist ploy. The establishment of a bogus 'front' company. This technique has been used with success by the League with everything from insurance to catering. In this case Heritage Tours was registered at No. 50 Warwick Street, London. This address, comprising of 4 flats, has the distinction of being the London home of Nicholas Ridley MP for Cirencester and Tewkesbury. Furthermore, it has probably been visited by more hardline fascist than Mussolini had blackshirts. Roberto Fiore, linked with armed robbery and firebombings in Italy, works as a courier for Heritage Tours. Until recently, Luciano Petrone also stayed at this nondescript address. Petrone was extradited to Italy in June, accused of murdering 2 policemen in Rome and taking part in a £9 million Spanish bank raid. The Armed Revolutionary Nuclei (NAR), fascist, paramilitaries, with which both were connected carried out at the Bolo gne railway station bombing in 1980 resulting in 85 deaths. Warwick Square is also

the home of Heritage Tours bosses, Nicholas Griffin and Michael Walker. Griffin is editor of Nationalism Today, while Walker edits the fascist journal Scorpia. The Westminster Thatcherjugend who have recently produced lapel badges with the obvious slogans 'Hiroshima was a Nuclear Free Zone' and 'Don't Say Zimbabwe when you mean Rhodesia', presently answers the phone, and generally look after the Heritage Office, while the 'guides' are out showing sightseers around London. Both Ridley and the Thatcherjugend deny any knowledge of Fiore and Petrone's past activities.

THE TORIES - NEVER HAVE SO FEW OWED SO MUCH TO SO FEW - NEVER HAVE SO MANY OWED SO LITTLE TO SO FEW.

FEED YOURSELF - BITE THE HAND THAT RULES YOU!!

FOOD RIOTS

After five years of drought, the looting of supermarkets in Brazil is reaching an all-time high, even though there has been intensive policing and security. The state capital of Fortaleza has been invaded by 300,000 peasants; in São Paulo, unemployed people are camping in a park in the city centre; and around Rio de Janeiro, there are high concentrations of people living in misery.

The looting is wellorganised, the crowd concentrates on a target and in a matter of minutes has swept aside any resistance to break in. In many cases police have been shot at or stoned. And the whole thing is over in ten minutes.

The government is remaining all of to the problems of the poor, and instead are worrying about pleasing foreign bankers and are trying to cope with a foreign exchange crisis.

So why do people who live in a country which, in spite of the drought is excellent food growing land? The country is still exporting the major luxury item of the West - coffee. The solution to their starvation does not lie in forming co-operatives to grow the coffee, as many lefties might pronounce, citing Tanzania as an example of how capitalism can work for the people(?) - in a country with 3,000 political prisoners; it lies in collectively taking over the land to produce food for themselves, the West can live without coffee.

"Don't worry" said the trees when they saw the axe coming, "the handle is one of us."

The latest chestnuts from the pope include denouncing homosexuality, premarital sex, artificial birth control and abortion. He also wants American bishops to withdraw support from any group or individual that favours the ordination of women as priests. However, they are called upon to oppose any and all discrimination of women by reason of gender. We all know that the Roman Catholic Church is riddled with hypocrisy, but this is ridiculous.

Come and 'Stop the 6am-
6pm
assemble
on City at
Sept. 29th, Buls
anti-war protest & carnival

Contact (0302) 859015 if you want to go to this event.

"For evil to triumph it is only necessary that good men (and women) do nothing."

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Seen at the Anti Nuclear Festival in Sheffield, a man wearing a 'macho-meat eating males against the bomb' knidge





As anarchists, we do not need a Christ or a Lenin, a Ghandi or a Mao to lead us to Utopia. We do not need faith in a paradise in this life or after. We are led by the human spirit, in the knowledge that freedom, equality and love are the highest ideals people can aspire to. We believe in self determination for all people. You can join us in the struggle for a new world born of revolution or remain as you

are, trudging along in chains in the mistaken belief that you are free. The choice is yours. Remember that time is short, the clouds of war, hunger and environmental disaster gather over this fragile planet. The destruction of greed and power are now a life and death question for all mankind. We may be the last generation - if we continue to be the most servile.